

of Greene are parallel, not offset, and hole 24 is not in the butt portion of the Greene rod.

Claims 2-13 depend from claim 1, and should be allowable for the above reasons and because of the features set forth therein.

Allowable claim 15 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 14, from which it formerly depended, and along with dependent claims 16-18, should now be in condition for allowance.

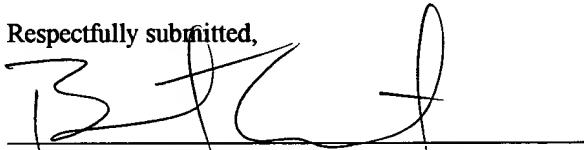
Claims 27-31 have been added to depend from claim 1, and should be allowable for the above reasons and because of the features set forth therein. Claims 29-31 particularly relate to the criticality of the close grouping of the transverse holes, as discussed above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 32-35 have been added to claim additional features not shown in the cited reference.

For the above reasons, all pending claims should be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant's attorney thanks the examiner for the telephone conference of April 18, 1995, in which most of the above amendments were discussed.

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FIG 1

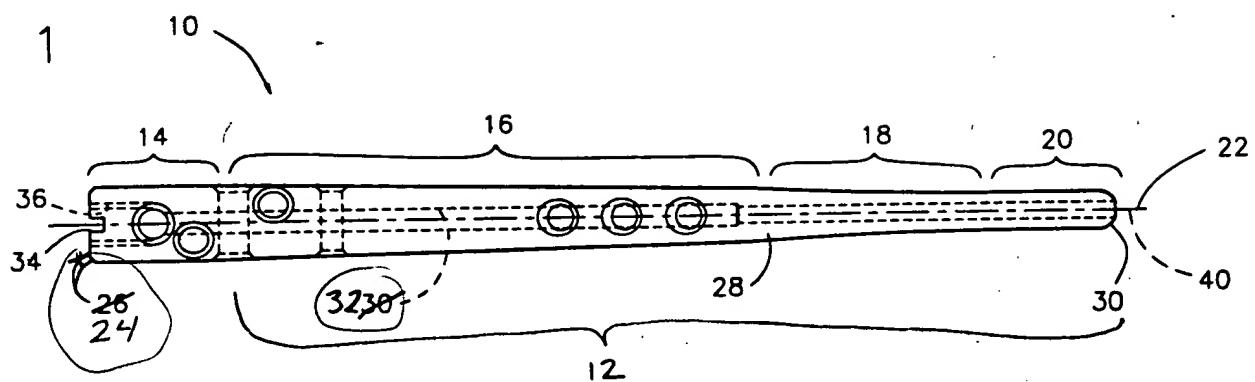


FIG 2

